(c) Does not arise.

Air Services between Jodhpur Ahmedabad and Jaipur-Ahmedabad

[*English*]

747. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines propose to restart air services between Jodhpur-Ahmedabad and Jaipur-Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir,.

(b) Inadequate traffic demand on these sectors does not justify restoration of airlinks between Jodhpur and Ahmedabad and Jaipur and Ahmedabad.

Reconstruction of Station in Maharashtra

748. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:-

(a) whether there is any proposal to reconstruct railway stations in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of the stations likely to be expanded/reconstructed; and

(c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon and the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Reconstruction and expansion of station building is a continuous process and the same is done on age-cum-condition basis as per the traffic needs. Reconstruction and expansion of station buildings including those in the State of Maharashtra is accordingly taken up whenever so warranted subject to availability of funds and comparative needs of various stations. Completion of works in this regard depends upon overall availability of funds and relative priorities.

[*Translation*]

Cultural exchange programmes

749. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries with whom the Government have cultural exchange programmes so far;

(b) the names of countries with whom the Government are likely to enter into agreements in the coming years; and

(c) the items included in these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The information is given in the enclose statement.

(b) Proposals in respect of the following countries are under consideration :-

(1) Malta

(2) Mali

(3) Comoros

(4) Madagascar

(5) Chile